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NODIS CHEROKEE FOR TARNOFF FROM LANE

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS
SUBJ: POLITICAL PRISONER RELEASE IN CUBA

REF: STATE 201069

1. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT AND LOGISTICAL--APART FROM MANPOWER--PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE HERE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OPERATION DEPENDING ON ITS SIZE AND TIMING. WE ARE NOW BEGINNING THE FINAL PROCESSING OF THE FIRST GROUP (SOME 300 PERSONS) OF DUAL NATIONALS AND THEIR CUBAN FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR DEPARTURE BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT (HAVANA 2326). IT IS PROBABLE THAT ADDITIONAL DEPARTURES IN THIS CATEGORY, WHICH COULD TOTAL 1000 OR MORE PERSONS, WILL BE AUTHORIZED BY THE CUBANS ON A FAIRLY STDADY BASIS FROM NOW ON. IF IT SHOULD OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THESE DUAL NATIONAL CASES, THE POLITICAL PRISONER PROGRAM WOULD TAX OUR RESOURCES NOT ONLY OF STAFF BUT ALSO OF PHYSICAL ROOM AND CROWD CONTROL CAPABILITY (INCLUDING SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS).

2. WE DO HAVE A LARGE AREA ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING NOW USED PRIMARILY AS A WAREHOUSE WHICH COULD BE READIED FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT SOME TIME AND EXPENSE

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WOULD BE ENTAILED. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT I BE GIVEN AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH MY STAFF AND MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO STAFF AUGMENTATION, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT THE TEAM SENT IN BE LANGUAGE COMPETENT, SINCE FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN PARA 1 ABOVE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO

SUPPORT THE PRISONER PROGRAM ADEQUATELY WITH OUR OWN
SPANISH-SPEAKING OFFICERS AND LOCALS. AUGMENTATION OF
COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL MAY ALSO BE NEEDED IF VOLUMINOUS
CLEARANCE TRAFFIC IS ANTICIPATED. LANE

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